



7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(3))  
☐ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).  
☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.  
☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.  
☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(3)).
9. ☒ A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.  
☐ A copy of the Demand for International Preliminary Examination is enclosed.
10. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(4)):  
☐ is enclosed (\_\_\_\_ pages).  
☐ a combined Declaration and Power of Attorney is enclosed (2 pages).  
☒ is not enclosed. Applicant requests the Patent and Trademark Office to accept this application and accord a serial number and filing date as of the date this application is deposited with the U.S. Postal Service for Express Mail. Further, Applicant requests that the NOTICE OF MISSING PARTS-FILING DATE GRANTED be sent to the undersigned representative of Applicant.
11. ☒ Applicant hereby claims priority to:  
☒ International Application No.: PCT/FR98/01475 filed July 8, 1998.  
☒ French application No.: 97/08642 filed July 8, 1997.
12. ☐ A translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(5)).
13. ☒ The entire disclosure of the International Application referred to above is considered to be part of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference herein.
14. ☐ Assignment Papers.  
☐ An assignment document is enclosed for recording (2 pages).  
☐ Form PTO-1595 Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (1 page).
15. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment (2 pages).
16. ☐ A substitute specification for pages \_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_ pages).
17. ☐ Power of Attorney  
☐ Is enclosed.  
☐ a combined Declaration and Power of Attorney is enclosed.
18. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), including:  
☐ Form PTO-1449  
☐ Reference(s) marked according to Form PTO-1449.
19. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
20. ☐ Small Entity Status  
☐ A small entity statement is enclosed.
21. ☒ Copy of PCT Form PCT/IB/301.
22. ☒ Copy of PCT Form PCT/IB/304.
23. ☒ Copy of PCT Form PCT/IB/308.

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24. ☒ Copy of PCT Form PCT/IB/332
25. ☐ Copy of PCT Form PCT/IB/338
26. ☐ Copy of International Request.
27. ☒ Copy of International Preliminary Examination Report.  
☒ A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report in French.  
☐ English Translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report.
28. ☒ The following fees are submitted:

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| Total claims   | 4 - 20 =     | 0            | x \$18.00 =  |          |
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- ☒ A check in the amount of \$840.00 is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 03-2769/ in the amount of to cover the above fees.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Conley, Rose, & Tayon, P.C., Deposit Account No. 03-2769/5310-02200/EBM.

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